



the **CHITIMACHA** **NEWSLETTER**

" SOVEREIGN NATION OF THE CHITIMACHA "

October 1995

NEWS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Dear Tribal Members:

There is some good news regarding the tax on Indian Gaming, however, it is still not in the clear yet. The good news is that the Senate took this part out of the bill. Senator John Breau sits on the Finance Committee and was instrumental in getting this done. We owe our thanks to him. If the House does not take it out, then it goes to a conference committee composed of five (5) members each from the House and Senate to come to an agreement. On the House Appropriations Committee, our Representative, Billy Tauzin, is a member. I spoke with Billy on October 20th to follow-up on the meeting the Tribe had with him earlier during the first week of October. Billy was going to talk to the Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, about taking this portion out of the House Bill. Billy assured me on the 20th that he had spoken to Newt's top aide about the issue, but was still going to try and make personal contact with the Speaker. He also assured me that he had spoken to some of

the other committee members and felt like he was making some progress. I hope he can convince them to do this because this would make him a champion in Indian Country throughout the Nation.

I must say that our Congressmen have gone to bat for us every time we have asked them to. We regret losing J. Bennett Johnston who will not seek reelection, however it appears that Billy Tauzin may run for his seat.

Elections

I would like to thank all of you who went to the polls and voted on October the 21st. The turnout was great. Please return to the polls on November 18th and again support your candidates in the runoff election.

At this point, it appears that Mike Foster may be the next governor. If so, I think it would be very beneficial to the Tribe to have a local person as Governor so that we may then have access to the Governor's Office on a personal basis.

CDBG Block Grant

The Tribe recently got notification from HUD that we were funded for \$640,000 to put in the new streets with water and sewer to create more homesites. The Tribe will put up \$40,000 matching funds and the project should begin soon.

The environmental assessment is now being done in order to get a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). The Corps of Engineers will do the engineering and hopefully in the next year, we will have some lots ready to go.

Thanksgiving Feast

This year the Thanksgiving feast will be held at the new Senior/Youth Center on Tuesday November 21st at 6:30 P.M. Please come by and enjoy the festivities.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH!!!

News from the Chitimacha P.D.

By: Ellen Hebert

Omission (ooops!!!)

[In the September newsletter I mistakenly forgot to include an announcement about one of our dispatchers...forgive me Deb!]

On Saturday, September 2, 1995 Dispatcher Debbie Truelove was married to tribal member Robert Vilcan, who is a compliance officer at the Cypress Bayou Casino and also a Chitimacha Reserve Police Officer. We wish Debbie and Robert many happy years together and all the best for the future.

We also sent out best wishes to our TAC Officer, Sara LaBiche, who celebrated her birthday on Wednesday, October 18.

Bicycle Thefts

Due to the recent increase in reports of thefts of bicycles, both on and off the reservation, we would like to remind everyone to make sure their bicycles and other valuables are properly secured before retiring for the evening. We also want to suggest to children that may ride their bicycles to school, especially for after school events, to purchase a lock that will allow you to secure your bicycle to the bike stand. (This will help to stop anyone who has plans on taking what does not belong to them). Also, we have asked the school secretary to

send us, on a monthly basis, a calendar of after school events in order for the officers to spot check regularly during those times.

We are still planning to host a class on gangs. We had an organizational meeting planned for October 3, but had to cancel because of the threat of Hurricane Opal. We will plan for another meeting and host this class some time in the future.

Red Ribbon Week Activities

Police department employees showed their support of Red Ribbon Week by taking part in the annual "Operation Red Light Motorcade" that traveled throughout the parish on Saturday, October 21 (we had four police units and six employees that represented the department). Approximately forty emergency vehicles took part to make this event one of the biggest and most successful to date. Officers in their units and other department employees also came out to show their support at the "Red Ribbon Rally" held on Tuesday, October 24, at the parking lot of the Franklin Wal-Mart store, and once again the members of the Chitimacha Spirit of the Teche dancers put on an excellent performance.

Halloween Safety Tips

On October 3, Officer Steve Gentry spoke to the 4-H members at Mary Hines Elementary and offered some safety tips while trick or treating for Halloween. Officer Gentry

also gave each child a Halloween bag with some goodies. On Friday, October 27, Officer Clayton Arnold and Ellen Hebert made the same presentation to each class at the Chitimacha Day School.

Chitimacha Junior Police

On Saturday, October 7, Officers Steve Gentry and Mike Pontiff had a meeting with the Chitimacha Junior Police members. Officer Gentry gave a short speech on respecting our U.S. flag and also showed the children the correct way to fold the flag when it is taken down from the flagpole. The junior police members, along with the officers, then presented a U.S. flag to fire department members Tim Zook and Wade Clements. The flag will be flown on the flagpole next to the fire department. Junior police member, Bryan Sisk, was presented with a gift certificate and certificate of appreciation for assisting Officer Steve Gentry with parking vehicles at the Chitimacha Day School bingo. Good job Bryan!

Included in this months newsletter is an information sheet that the department is asking residents to complete and return to us. This information will be kept on file for members of the department to better serve and assist you should an emergency arise. Please fill it out and return at your earliest convenience.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

News from the Human Services Department

By: Mike Forsythe

The teachers and students at the Chitimacha Tribal School held a contest to see who could wear the most red. The winners are as follows:

Pre-K	Maggie Darden	3rd Grade	Ben Darden	7th Grade	Amy Darden
Kindergarten	Hannah LaGarde	4th Grade	Janesse Dwyer	8th Grade	Ashley Burgess
1st Grade	Kegan Clements	5th Grade	Toni Darden		
2nd Grade	Roy Dwyer	6th Grade	Joshua Vilcan		

Mrs. Marcie won out of the teachers for wearing the most red, and also Phyllis Darden's Second Grade class won the Door Decorating contest. A great time was had by all. We want to congratulate all the winners and thank everyone for their participation.

Health Department News

Contract Medical Care New Dental Provider

W.P. Karam, D.D.S. is once again providing dental care services to the Chitimacha tribal members. Dr. Karam is located at 500 Haifleigh St. in Franklin. Office phone number is (318) 828-5555.

Neal Boudreaux, D.D.S. is located at 600 Haifleigh St. in Franklin also. The phone number there is 828-1517.

Appointments

If you require transportation to medical appointments, please notify the Health Department of the appointment in advance. Appointments should be made no later than 3:00 p.m. for longer distances. **No transportation will be available on Fridays**, so, **DO NOT** schedule appointments for Fridays.

Personal Insurance

Clients with personal insurance must keep the Health

Department informed of changes in insurance coverage. Remember to bring your insurance explanation of benefits to the CMC office. We need a copy to determine the balance owed on your medical bills.

Medical Bills/Statements

Some medical bills are not sent to the Health Department by the provider. They are billed directly to your residence. It is your responsibility to bring those bills to the Health Department. For example, when you have an x-ray done at the hospital, you will receive another bill for the radiology fees. You must bring those in as soon as you receive them.

Medicaid Clients

The Health Department requires a copy of your Medicaid card each month. Bring in any correspondence you receive from the Office of Family Support concerning your Medicaid case. We need a copy of that also.

Notification

You must notify the Health Department office of **all** visits to a physician, hospital, dentist or other provider. Report visits to the Health Department at 923-9955 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday thru Thursday and 7:30 thru 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Ask for Madeline or Mildred.

Non-Emergency Care: you are required to pick up a form at the Health Department to bring with you to the doctor, hospital or other.

Emergency Care

If you have an emergency on the weekend or when the Health Department office is closed, you are required to notify the Health Department within 72 hours. Additional time is allowed if office is closed because of a holiday. In that case, you must call the earliest working day. Emergency visits must be reported to the Health Department office during regular working hours.

Odds and Ends News Items

Tribal Council Meetings

During the last meeting of the Chitimacha Tribal Council, it was decided that the meeting time for the regular scheduled meetings would be moved from 6 p.m. to 5 p.m. The 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month will be the designated days of the meetings.

Employee Resignation

Kathy Titus, Finance Director, has announced that she will be leaving her employment with the Tribe. Kathy started with us on June 15, 1990 and has been an asset to the Tribe. She will be missed and we wish her all the best for the future.

Halloween

The Chitimacha P.D. has set the time for Trick or Treating this coming Tuesday evening, Oct. 31 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. These are the same hours that the Sheriff's Department has set for Trick or Treating throughout the parish.

Health Fair 1995

The Annual Health Fair will be held Nov. 21 at the Senior/Youth Center from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Some of the activities will include a blood drive, cholesterol screening, glucose (sugar) test & blood pressure. There will be a drawing for door prizes.

We would like to welcome back our nurse, Pat Treadway.

Tribal Holidays

The administrative offices of the Chitimacha Tribe will be closed on November 10 in observance of Veterans Day. The office will also be closed on November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving.

ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have previously received the **CHITIMACHA NEWSLETTER**, are no longer receiving it and would again like a monthly copy, you may want to call the Tribal Office at (318) 923-4973 and give your current address so that we may send you a copy.

A **current address** is also very important in order to keep your file updated for a timely submittal of the **annual per capita payments**. The Phone number is the same for both.

THANK YOU!!!

PLEASE CALL!!!



Chitimacha Tribal School News

Chitimacha 4-H News

By: Steve Nugent & the 4-H Members

Greetings from the 4-H Club! We are looking forward to a very busy 1995-96 schoolyear. Our club currently has 28 members ranging from grades 4 - 8, and we have already started several activities this year. The club has agreed to begin a "Clean Team" which will go around periodically and pick up trash from the school campus in an effort to have one of the cleanest schoolyards in St. Mary Parish. The students have already made their first sweep of the schoolyard, which was a big success! We were able to collect about three trashbags full of debris, and we plan to include the front and rear ditches of the campus on our next outing. We hope everyone will pitch-in to help us keep our school looking great!

A small garden has been made outside the cafeteria windows. This is so we can grow a few plants the school could use for meals, and the younger students could use to grow various things. Our onions are doing great! We were able to help cook a hamburger meal for the entire school on Friday last month. This was a huge success and lots of fun for all of the club members. Special thanks go to Toc and Pat for helping with the burgers. The 4th through 6th grade members were also able to cook up some boudin stuffing last month. Everyone got to stir the big pot with a paddle, and Mrs. Marci's class even got in on the fun by helping us eat some watermelon. We didn't get to stuff the boudin, but ate it anyway. The 7th and 8th graders will be making boudin in December, so everyone be looking for it! Several of the members have decided to raise and show livestock in the upcoming Parish Fair this January.

Rabbits, chickens, and pigs are on the list so far. The members are reminded that they **MUST** enter at least **ONE** item in the fair this year. This is so that we make a good showing and be recognized at the fair.

Our officers were able to attend the annual officer training program put on by the St. Mary Parish Extension Service in Berwick on Thursday, Oct. 19th. All of the officers learned how to help run a better club (and meetings) from this field trip. Thanks go to Ralph Darden for allowing us to use one of the Tribal vehicles for the trip.

The Sadie Hawkin's dance on Friday, Oct. 20th was also a huge success! We sold hamburgers, hotdogs, candy, photographs, and even were able to have folks "arrested and put in the jail" to help raise funds. The wheelbarrow races were the highlight of the night!! Everyone who came had a good time. This is a dance that you have to see to really appreciate. Special thanks go to Dwayne Darden for DJ'ing all night. We couldn't have done it without you, Dwayne. Also, a big "THANKS" to all of the chaperons for helping the dance run smoothly.

Our club is becoming more and more active each year, and this year is promising to be one of the best for activities in the recent past. We have plans to visit another sugarmill, make syrup and cracklins, raffle off a BBQ pit, and lots of other things. We would like our club to keep growing so that everyone in the community can be proud of it, but we can't do it alone! Mr. Nugent encourages parent and family involvement in **ALL** of our activities, and hopes that through teamwork, cooperation, and family values this club can truly help our children develop into caring and responsible young adults. Thanks go to everyone who has helped thus far.

REMINDER!!!

The Chitimacha Tribal School will be closed on the 23rd and 24th of November in observance of Thanksgiving. The Tribal Administrative offices will also be closed on these dates and, in addition, also on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day.

Education Highlights

By: Diane M. Hearn

The Chitimacha Tribal School faculty and staff are working to provide the best education possible for the children of the school. They are highly involved in compiling information provided by you in the survey you submitted. Thank you for responding and providing your ideas and thoughts regarding education at the school, and suggestions for improvement. The school has been accepted into the Effective Schools Program and is participating in Goals 2000, which is a key component for school improvement, especially when linked to The Improving America's Schools Act. The Effective Schools Program is a proven means to become more and more effective. It heavily stresses increased and ongoing staff development, increased parent involvement, strong instructional leadership, challenging curriculum and appropriate instruction. Below you will find a list of correlates that we will be implementing into the school so that we will become better and better. It is an ongoing process, takes time, and is results-oriented. Work with us to make Chitimacha Tribal School one of the BEST in the nation!

10 Correlates of Effective Schools

1. Sense of Mission
2. Monitoring and Feedback of School and Student Progress
3. Challenging Curriculum and Appropriate Instruction
4. Access to Resources for Teaching and Learning
5. High Expectations
6. Safe and Supportive Environment
7. Home/School/Community Partnerships
8. Strong Instructional Leadership
9. Participatory Management/Shared Responsibility
10. Cultural Relevance

This, along with the Consolidated School Reform Plan that is being worked by the staff using the survey information you completed, starts us on the road to a better, more productive, student/family/school relationship, and to become a School of Excellence. It can happen, if we all work hard to make it work! I think of the saying, "The longest road begins with the first step." It is essential that we take this step together!

Our Media Specialist for the school has been hired and will begin full-time in January. She is Dorothy Thompson, and she comes to us with great experience, interest, and enthusiasm to transform our present library into a state-of-the art Media Center. She will begin soon ordering the computers, laser disc video instructor and materials, desks, etc. Remember that we received funding of \$71,900 for the Media Center from the U. S. Department of Education, and along with Tribal funding, the Media Center will become a reality for the whole community. Beginning in January, the Media Center will be open Tuesdays-Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. You are encouraged to take advantage of the Saturday openings. Please be sure to sign in when you use the Media Center so that we can maintain records of use of the Media Center.

Thought for today: "To grow is to change, and to grow perfect is to have changed many times."

More Good News from the Chitimacha Tribal School

The following list of students at the Chitimacha Tribal School are students that have made the honor roll during the past reporting period:

First Grade	Kerry Alleman Adriana Bernard Shannon Cook Blaise Darden Matthew Darden Kaston Fluke	Fourth Grade	Robert Brown Grant LaGarde Nicholas Persilver
Second Grade	Erin Compton Arielle Darden Megan Persilver Richard Picard Schuylar Vilcan	Fifth Grade	Morgan Martin
		Sixth Grade	Lacey Fontenot Joshua Vilcan
		Seventh Grade	Jarrod Deslatte Amy Darden
Third Grade	Slade Bobbitt Ben Darden Jake Darden Jase Darden Kristi Fontenot	Eighth Grade	Justin Magee Natalie Vilcan

Congratulations to these students for a job well done and please, keep up the good work!!!

BINGO

WHEN: Wednesday, November 8, 1995

(Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games Begin at 6:30 p.m.)

WHERE: Chitimacha Day School Gym in Charenton, LA

COST: \$10/package for adults \$5/package for children 12 and under

10 Games played. \$100 pot per game

Jackpot is \$900.00

Concessions on sale at 5:30 p.m.
(Hot Dogs, Chili Fritos, Pickles, Nachos, Candy, Drinks, and Chips)

SMOKING ALLOWED IN GYM

Sponsored by the Chitimacha Tribal School Parent's Club

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

DAILY MENU SCHEDULE

November 1995

MONDAY Nov. 6, 1995 Breakfast Fried Bread, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Red Beans w/Rice, Sausage, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	TUESDAY Nov. 7, 1995 Breakfast Grits, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Spaghetti w/Meatsauce, Sweet Peas, Coleslaw, Fruit, Garlic Bread & Milk	WEDNESDAY Nov. 8, 1995 Breakfast Grilled Cheese, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes, Garden Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	THURSDAY Nov. 9, 1995 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Roast w/Rice, Lima Beans, Green Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk	FRIDAY Nov. 10, 1995 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Tacos, Fried Bread, Lettuce - Tomato, Cheese Cups, Corn, Fruit & Milk
MONDAY Nov. 13, 1995 Breakfast Waffles, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Crawfish Fettucine, Salad, Green Beans, Fruit & Milk	TUESDAY Nov. 14, 1995 Breakfast Eggs, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Frito Pie w/Chili, Tator Tots, Corn, Fruit, Corn Bread & Milk	WEDNESDAY Nov. 15, 1995 Breakfast English Muffin, Canadian Bacon, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken/Sausage Gumbo, Potato Salad, Fruit, Crackers & Milk	THURSDAY Nov. 16, 1995 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Turkey, Yams, Dresssing, Cranberry Sauce & Roll	FRIDAY Nov. 17, 1995 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Hot Link Po-Boy, Tator Tots, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Fruit & Milk
MONDAY Nov. 20, 1995 Breakfast Cereal, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Steak & Gravy w/Rice, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit, Roll & Milk	TUESDAY Nov. 21, 1995 Breakfast Pancakes, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Fruit & Milk	WEDNESDAY Nov. 22, 1995 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Corn Dogs, Salad, Fruit, Cookie & Milk	THURSDAY Nov. 23, 1995 Breakfast OFF Lunch OFF	FRIDAY Nov. 24, 1995 Breakfast OFF Lunch OFF
MONDAY Nov. 27, 1995 Breakfast Oatmeal, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Spaghetti, Sweet Peas, Salad, Fruit, Garlic Bread & Milk	TUESDAY Nov. 28, 1995 Breakfast Bagel, Ham, Juice & Milk Lunch Shrimp Gumbo w/Rice, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Fruit & Milk	WEDNESDAY Nov. 29, 1995 Breakfast Cheese, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Chops & Gravy w/Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Beets, Fruit, Roll & Milk	THURSDAY Nov. 30, 1995 Breakfast Cereal, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Fritters, Spaghetti w/Cheese, Lettuce - Tomato, Fruit & Milk	FRIDAY Dec. 1, 1995 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Ham Sandwich w/Cheese, Lettuce - Tomato, Fruit & Milk



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

(Each month, space will be made available on this page for any Tribal Member having a classified ad that they want placed. Please contact Debbie @ 923-4973 during regular business hours if you would like to place an ad.)

Bingo @ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1995
Chitimacha Tribal School

Holidays
Nov. 10, 23, & 24
Tribal Offices Closed

Thanksgiving Feast 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1995
Senior/Youth Center

